

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:339
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2008
NATIONAL BAMBOO MISSION
Charenamei Shri Mani

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Bamboo Mission has formulated any action plan to tackle bamboo flowering in the country particularly in the North-Eastern Region (NER);
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose, Statewise;
- (c) the total quantum of bamboo harvested during the last three years in the NER, State-wise and year-wise;
- (d) whether funds were recently released by the Union Government to give relief to the NER affected by bamboo flowering; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the guidelines for utilization of the said fund?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 339 DUE FOR REPLY ON 22ND DECEMBER, 2008

(a) & (b): National Bamboo Mission does not deal, directly, with the problem of bamboo flowering. Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India is taking action on the problem of bamboo flowering. The Ministry of Environment and Forests launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme called "Gregarious flowering of Muli Bamboos" in North Eastern Region. The Scheme with an overall allocation of Rs. 85.00 crore is to be implemented during 2005-06 to 2008-09. Major components of the Scheme are: Resources survey and mapping, Resource extraction and management, Resource utilization, Regeneration plan, Development of necessary infrastructure, Rodent control and precautionary measures to control spread of Epidemics, Control of fire hazards, Famine control and Awareness campaigns. The details of funds allocated during the last three years are given in Annexure-I.

(c): The total quantum of bamboo harvested in NER during the last three years is given in Annexure – II.

(d) & (e): The Government of Mizoram and Manipur submitted memoranda for assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) for damage to crops due to rodent menace on account of bamboo flowering. Inter-Ministrial Central Teams visited the States for assessment of the requirements. Assistance from the NCCF was provided based on the approval of the High Level Committee. Details of the memorandum submitted by the States and assistance approved from the NCCF by the High Level Committee are given in Annexure-III. In this regard, the guidelines have been issued by the Ministry of Home vide letter no. 32-34/2005-NDM-I dated 27th June, 2007 and the same is given in Annexure-IV.